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John Thornton  
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Dear Mr. Thornton:

In a letter dated July 20, 1998, you were informed that the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) would open a public docket on the organophosphate (OP) fenthion, for which you hold a registration for technical material. This docket will open on September 9, 1998 and, as indicated in that letter, is part of the Agency's efforts to involve the public in the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 and serves as an interim measure to improve the transparency of the reregistration and tolerance reassessment processes.

The Agency intends to place into the public docket OPP's preliminary risk assessment for fenthion, which was transmitted to you with our July 20, 1998 letter, and a copy of your comments on the assessment. The docket will be opened for public comment for 60 days from the date of publication of a Notice of Data Availability in the *Federal Register*.

The purpose of this letter is to request that you review the content of the Agency's preliminary risk assessment as well as any written comments you may have regarding this assessment, and inform us in writing of any claims of CBI contained in these. If we do not receive notification in writing of any such claims before September 9, 1998, the Agency will assume that the documents are free of CBI.

In addition, please inform the Agency of any pertinent, on-going or planned studies, or other sources of information on fenthion, and your timetable for completing and submitting such data and information to the Agency. This will enable the Agency to plan better for refining the Agency's risk assessment and completing the reregistration and tolerance reassessment.

Please mail any claims of CBI and other information about fenthion to Dr. William Sproat. If you have any questions, please contact him at (703) 308-8587.

Sincerely,

Jack E. Housenger, Associate Director  
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